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## <u>Traffic Safety Coalition</u>

In 2002, 132 people 35 years of age and younger were killed and 9,107 were injured in traffic collisions in San Bernardino County. People in this age group account for the largest concentration of motor vehicle, bicycle, and motorcycle fatalities and injuries.

For children age 6 and younger, misuse and non-use of child restraints is a leading cause of death and injury. For people aged 6 to 35, inappropriate seat belt fit or non-use of seat belts is a leading problem. The 15-35 year age group also has a high rate of alcohol-related deaths and injuries.

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health's Traffic Safety Task Force has received a grant from California Kids Plates to help the coalition work towards reducing traffic-related deaths and injuries in San Bernardino County thru prevention and education.

Help us reduce these preventable deaths and injuries, join the Traffic Safety Task Force today! Contact Bernice Chapman at 1-800-722-3578.

California Kids Plates offers support for traffic safety. If you would like to support California Kids plate, please call 1-800 HEY- KIDS.